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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 1855

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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CRISIS

REF: ANKARA 1811

1. POSSIBILITY THAT PRIMIN-DESIGNATE IRMAK MIGHT BUILD
COALITION BASED ON REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) SEEMS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED BY
REMARKS WHICH DP CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI MADE TO PRESS MARCH 6
AFTER IRMAK CALLED ON HIM. WHILE REITERATING HIS PARTY'S
SUPPORT FOR FORMATION OF STRONG NATIONAL COALITION, BOZBEYLI
SAID HE HAD TOLD IRMAK THAT DP WOULD ACCEPT OFFER TO
JOIN GOVERNMENT IN WHICH RPP NOT RPT NOT REPRESENTED.
IN EFFECTIVE TERMS, BOZBEYLI THUS SEEMS HAVE BEEN
REPEATING HIS PARTY'S EARLIER DEMAND FOR
COALITION OF CENTER-RIGHT PARTIES UNDER LEADERSHIP
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OF SOMEONE OTHER THAN JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN

DEMIREL.

2. ON MARCH 5, IRMAK CALLED ON NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY AND SPOKESMAN FOR FOUR INDEPENDENT DEPUTIES, PRODUCING STRONG STATEMENT OF REJECTION FROM FORMER AND CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE FROM LATTER (INDEPENDENTS' SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WOULD JOINING "GOVERNMENT OF ACTION", CODE PHRASE FOR ALTERNATIVE TO THE ELECTION GOVERNMENT WHICH RPP WANTS).

3. ALL PARTIES HAVE NOW STATED THEIR POSITIONS PUBLICLY AND CLEARLY, AND THESE SHOW NO RPT NO CHANGE FROM STALEMATE PREVAILING WHEN PRESIDENT KORUTURK CALLED ON PARTIES MARCH 1 TO UNITE UNDER IRMAK. LATTER IS TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT MARCH 7 AND TO PUBLIC (VIA PRESS) ON MARCH 8. NEXT MAJOR MOVE IS UP TO PRESIDENT, WHOSE PRINCIPAL ALTERNATIVES SEEM TO BE:

A. TO POSTPONE ABANDONMENT OF CURRENT EFFORT, MEAN- WHILE PERHAPS MAKING FESH APPEAL FOR PARTIES TO UNITE -- HARDLY A PROMOSING COURSE;

B. TO ASK IRMAK TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF NATIONALIST FRONT PARTIES' JOINING WITH DP UNDER IRMAK, WHICH ALSO SEEMS UNLIKELY;

C. TO DESIGNATE DEMIREL TO FORM NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT, IN WHICH DEMIREL MIGHT SUCCEED, BUT WHICH KORUTURK APPARENTLY HOPES TO AVOID.

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